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- 1. DE 101 40 630 A1 (English abstract provided)
- 2. DE 103 08 542 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 2003/0159455 A1)
- 3. DE 37 04 182 A1 (English abstract provided) {WP327586;1}

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Documents 1-4 were cited in the ISR. Documents 3 and 5-6 were cited in the German Examination Report dated August 19, 2003. Document 3 was also mentioned in the background of the specification of the instant application.

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